

Delaware Expenditure Review Committee
DHSS Chapel – Wilmington, DE
Friday, December 4, 2015

The Delaware Expenditure Review Committee met on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Department of Health and Social Services Chapel in Wilmington, Delaware. The following committee members and guests were present:

Committee Members:

Chairman Fred Sears, Delaware Community Foundation
Ann S. Visalli, Office of Management and Budget
Jack Riddle, Community Bank
Mike Morton, Controller General's Office
Jeff Taschner, Delaware State Education Association
Dennis Greenhouse, Dennis E. Greenhouse Consulting
Lincoln Willis, Willis Chevrolet
Robert McMurray, Christiana Care
The Honorable Joshua Martin, DEFAC
Ed Ratledge, University of Delaware
Fred Cottrell, Richards, Layton & Finger
Richard Gessner, Capital One

Guests:

Brian Maxwell, Office of Management and Budget
Debra Gerardi, Office of Management and Budget
Meaghan Brennan, Office of Management and Budget
Jessica Eisenbrey, Office of Management and Budget
Lindsay Lewis, Office of Management and Budget
John Cape, PFM
Randy Bauer, PFM
Jennifer Lydic, PFM
Mike Jackson, Controller General's Office
Art Jenkins, Controller General's Office
Lauren Vella, Delaware House of Representatives
Jonathan Kirsch, AHA/ASA
Paul Morrill, Committee of 100
David Craik, Office of Pensions
Tom Cook, Secretary of Finance
Sally Wojcieszyn, DEDO
Kathy McGuiness, Candidate for Lieutenant Governor 2016

Introductions/Sign In

Chairman Sears called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sears requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2015 meeting. Dennis Greenhouse made the motion and Richard Gessner seconded the motion. Upon unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

OMB Presentation on Fleet Services and State Procurement

Dean Stotler, Director of Government Support Services within OMB provided a presentation to the committee on the State's fleet and procurement. In the presentation, information was provided on the number of vehicles in the State's fleet, how the fleet is managed, how the State's procurement process is managed and efficiencies realized by Government Support Services within both Fleet Services and Procurement.

Discussion on Elder Tax Subsidy Proposal

Brian Maxwell, Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, gave a brief overview to the committee of the Administration's proposal on the Elder Tax Subsidy from the Fiscal Year 2016 Governor's Recommended Budget. The proposal would have decreased the subsidy for those who qualify, saving the State \$12.6 million. The Joint Finance Committee chose not to include the proposal in the final Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget.

OMB Presentation on Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Lindsay Lewis, Office of Management and Budget Analyst for the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, provided an overview of the department's expenditures along with the various sections within the department and their services.

PFM Presentation on Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

PFM provided an overview of how the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families compares to similar departments in other states.

Discussion of Subject for Future Meetings

During the course of the presentations there was discussion and more information requested on the following items:

- Chairman Sears asked OMB to put together a list for the committee of issues similar to the Elder Tax Subsidy proposal.
- During the discussion on the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, PFM explained that the State of Maryland has seen a significant decrease in the number of children in foster care. Richard Gessner said he would like PFM to provide information on the steps Maryland has taken to decrease their foster care population and any similar steps taken in Delaware.

- Director Visalli discussed the planned agenda for the next meeting to be held on Thursday, December 17. During the first half of the meeting, David Craik, Director of the Office of Pensions, will provide an overview of the State's pension plan, and Brenda Lakeman, Director of the Statewide Benefits Office and Human Resource Management, will provide an overview of state employee health. The second half of the meeting will be a discussion on recommendations. A draft report will be distributed to the members of the committee by January 11.
- Chairman Sears asked that an additional 30 minutes be added to the meeting times for the next meeting and the first meeting in January.
- Fred Cottrell suggested that members of the committee look over the executive order before the next meeting and come with ideas for what can be discussed.

Other Business

The next Delaware Expenditure Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Haslet Armory, Conference Room 219, Dover, Delaware. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.